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Ominous report in London

LONDON — Moscow has obtained from agents in Cyprus vital NATO secrets that could help the Soviet Union tip the balance of power irreversibly against the West, the chairman of the House of Lords' Defense Committee said today.

Lord Chalfont told Britain's 'upper house of Parliament that the information the Soviets obtained from Cyprus went to the very heart of safety and security in the Western world.

"It affects the ability of an enemy at some time in the future to calculate when a surprise move of some kind might be able to shift the balance of power irreversibly against the Western world," he said.

A jury at London's Old Bailey court last month acquitted seven British servicemen accused of supplying Soviet agents with sensitive information while serving in Cyprus.